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LOUISIANA SEPTEMBER 1 CROP PROSPECTS

The September 1 crop prospects for Louisiana indicate that all major crop production will be up significantly from last year, with sugarcane setting new record on acreage, yield and production, according to Dave Frank, State Statistician for the Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service. The following are prospects for the major crops:

CORN production is forecast at 52.1 million bushels, up 19 percent from a year ago. Yield per acre at 127 bushels, is up 46 bushels from last year. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record, when the record book on yield began in 1866.

COTTON production is forecast at 850,000 bales, up 4 percent from August 1 forecast, and 32 percent more than last year. Production is up from last month due to an upward adjustment of harvested acres to 595,000 acres. Yield per acre at 686 pounds is 11 pounds less last month, but 100 more than last year.

RICE production at 30.3 million cwt., down 4 percent from last month, but 8 percent above 1998. Yield per acre is forecast at 4,850 pounds, down 50 pounds from last month, but 320 pounds more than last year. Acres for harvested were revised downward this month to 625,000 acres.

SORGHUM production is forecast at 20.0 million bushels, up 7 percent from last month, compared to 7.5 million bushels last year. Yield is forecast at 80 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from last month, and 20 bushels above last year.

SOYBEAN production is forecast at 25.3 million bushels, down 17 percent from the August 1 forecast, but up 12 percent from a year ago. Yield, forecast at 25 bushels per acre, down 5 bushels from August 1, but 4 bushels more than last year.

SUGARCANE production for sugar and seed is forecast at 15.3 million net tons, up 19 percent from 1998. If realized, this will be the highest acreage, yield, and production ever recorded in the State. Louisiana now moves ahead of Florida to become the number one State in the United States for sugarcane acreage. Yield per acre is forecast at 33 net tons, unchanged from last month, but up 3.3 net tons from last year. Recording of acreage, yield, and production began in 1909.

LOUISIANA CROP REPORT -- SEPTEMBER 1, 1999

CROP	LOUISIANA							
	Acres For Harvest		Yield Per Acre			Total Production		
	FINAL 1998	IND. 1999	UNIT	FINAL 1998	SEPT 1999	UNIT	FINAL 1998	SEPT 1999
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Corn, (grain) 1/	540	410	bushels	81	127	bushels	43,740	52,070
Upland Cotton 2/	525	595	pounds	586	686	bales	641	850
Rice 2/	620	625	pounds	4,530	4,850	cwt.	28,107	30,313
Sorghum (grain)	125	250	bushels	60	80	bushels	7,500	20,000
Soybeans	1,070	1,010	bushels	21	25	bushels	22,470	25,250
Sugarcane (sugar & seed) 2/	435	465	net tons	29.7	33.0	net tons	12,920	15,345

1/ Forecast carried forward from August 1, 1999; 2/ Revised 1999 harvested acres.

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